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REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the telephone call from the Examiner requesting restriction of the application to one of the following four groups of claims:

- I Claims 1-11, 18-28, 38-40, and 55;
- II Claims 12-17 and 32-37;
- III Claims 29-31;
- IV Claims 41-54.

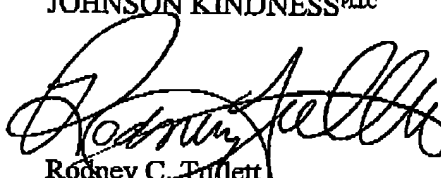
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II and are canceling the remaining claims without prejudice subject to applicants' right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the canceled claims.

In addition, applicants are amending Claims 13, 15, 32, 33, and 37 as well as adding new Claims 56-69 prior to examination on the merits.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding any of the above, he is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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